

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1719 - HB 1711**

February 5, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes that only students that have been suspended for more than 10 days or expelled from the regular school program for an offense other than a zero tolerance offense are required to be assigned to an alternative school. Requires a local education agency's (LEA's) director of schools to consider certain conditions when determining whether to assign students to an alternative school.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3402 requires mandatory attendance in an alternative school or alternative program if there is space available, for all students in grades seven through twelve who are suspended or expelled.
- The proposed legislation narrows the requirement to only apply to students who have been suspended for more than 10 days or expelled from the regular school program for an offense other than a zero tolerance offense.
- The proposed legislation does not require the expansion of an LEA's current alternative school program.
- LEAs will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources without a significant increase in expenditures.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.
- No change to the Basic Education Program.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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